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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:   Case No. 2010 - 190
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12	REBECCA JOANNE PUHR 15800 Lasselle Street, Apt. N ACCUSATION
13	Moreno Valley, CA 92551
14	Registered Nurse License No. 599025
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed. RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely
. 20	in her official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing,
21	Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about May 6, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued
23	Registered Nurse License Number 599025 to Rebecca Joanne Puhr (Respondent). The
24	Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25	herein and will expire on January 31, 2010, unless renewed.
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### **JURISDICTION**

This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise

# STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- Section 490 states, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued..
  - Section 2761 of the Code states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

## REGULATORY PROVISIONS

California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare ..."

#### COST RECOVERY

Section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the 7. administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Convictions of Substantially-Related Crimes)

section 2761, subdivisions (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, Title 16,

section 1444, in that Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the

qualifications, functions or duties of a Registered Nurse as follows:

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 490, and

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- a. On or about October 16, 2008, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 459 [burglary], in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of The State of California v. Rebecca Joanne Puhr* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2008, No. 2008032848). Respondent was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about August 5, 2008, Respondent was arrested after she ordered and consumed food at the Black Angus Restaurant in Ventura, California, and attempted to pay with a canceled Visa card.
- b. On or about October 16, 2008, after pleading not guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 148, subdivision (a)(1) [resisting arrest], and two misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 484, subdivision (a), in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of The State of California v. Rebecca Joanne Puhr* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2008, No. 2008015785). On September 24, 2008, *The People of The State of California v. Rebecca Joanne Puhr* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2008, No. 2008022436) was consolidated into Case No. 2008015785. Respondent was sentenced to 120 days in jail and placed on 3 years probation. The circumstances surrounding the convictions are that on or about April 17, 2008, and on or about June 3, 2008, Respondent was arrested after she ordered and consumed food without paying in Ventura, California.
- c. On or about October 20, 2008, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 537, subdivision (a)(1) [defrauding an innkeeper], in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of The State of California v. Rebecca Joanne Puhr* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, 2008, No. 2008013226). Respondent was sentenced to 2 days in jail, and placed on 3 years probation. The circumstances

1 ]	surrounding the conviction are that off of about April 1, 2008, Respondent was affected after she
2	ordered and consumed food without paying at China Dynasty Restaurant in Ventura, California.
3	<u>PRAYER</u>
4	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
5	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:
6	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 599025, issued
7	to Respondent;
8	2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the
9	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
10	125.3; and,
11	Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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13	DATED: 10/5/09
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16	LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED. RN Interim Executive Officer
17	Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs
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